

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026 AT 7.00pm IN PAVILION HOUSE, FOWEY

25/179 Present

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs L Simms
Councillors: Cllr Mrs F Day, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr I Fairweather
Cllr C Gibbon, Cllr Ms K Longman

In Attendance

The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent
Cornwall Cllr I Wilson

25/180 Apologies

None

25/181 Declaration of Interests

- α. Pecuniary – None.
- β. Non Registerable – None
- χ. Dispensations – None.

25/182 Public Participation & Questions

None

25/183 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2026

It was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Gibbon and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

25/184 Matters Arising not on the Agenda (for report only)

25/165. Cllr Fairweather reported that there was no update on the Roll of Honour.

25/185 To Receive and note the Minutes (if any) of FTC Committees

Planning – minutes noted
Finance – no report
Environment – no report

25/186 Accounts for Approval

It was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Longman and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £15,163.29 be approved.

25/187 Correspondence

Correspondence was left ‘on the table’ for Councillors attention.

25/188 Resolutions from Councillors

None.

25/189 To Receive the Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported:

The MUGA has been closed since 28th February because the gates need to be fitted with soft closures as a health and safety requirement to reduce the likelihood of fingers being pinched as the gates close. The soft closures have been purchased, and the contractor will fit them as soon as possible as well as dealing with some repairs identified in the recent ROSPA checks.

I was delighted to attend Fowey in Bloom's AGM on the 28th of February to present Geoff and Frances Day with their Outstanding Contribution Award. They represent part of an enthusiastic group of volunteers who are essential in keeping Fowey looking beautiful and well cared for. They clean the verges between Four Turnings and Du Maurier Drive in the winter so that the daffodils are visible in the spring, plant up the Shan Hoy boat at the entrance to Fowey, look after the green areas and planters on New Road Hill and throughout the town centre and run a successful Garden Competition in the summer. Thank you to everyone involved for using your time and expertise for the benefit of Fowey.

I have recently received the Official Invitation to attend the twinning visit in the summer from Mayor Paul Chauvin on behalf of the municipality of Binic-Etables-sur-Mer. This will take place between June 16th and June 21st. The two official events are a welcome reception on Wednesday June 17th and a dinner on Saturday June 20th. The local Twinning Committee is in the process of planning a programme of activities to introduce us to the traditions and culture of their town. I have been asked to provide information about the composition of the official delegation and would be very happy if members of the Council sign up for the visit. Let me know if you are interested.

25/190 To Receive the Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk reported:

- The new pages on the FTC website for road closures in the parish and the Library are ready to go live.
- Following the receipt of a high water bill for the Town Hall APS Construction have located and repaired a leak.
- I have been contacted by a representative of a group of businesses who have been liaising with LESW about the Christmas Market. The Business Group are hoping to extend the Christmas festivities over a longer period, rather than just for the Market weekend, but negotiations with LESW appear to have broken down following a ballot organized by the Group asking 81 businesses if they will be prepared to sponsor the 2026 Market. The ballot outcome was that a large majority of the businesses responding said they would not sponsor the LESW event so the Business Group are hoping to organize their own events separately. I advised the Group that FTC's position regarding the 2026 LESW Market was clear; members had resolved to issue a licence to use the quay and Webb Street car park to LESW for the 2026 Market and it had been signed and the terms accepted by Andrew Weaver.
- I am in contact with Cormac about the delayed road surfacing work in the town and on Town Quay. It appears that Cormac made the decision to postpone it because some utility companies have works to complete through the main street and they want to avoid laying a new surface only to have them come in a short time after and dig it up again. In the meantime some very poor pothole filling has been carried out, apparently for safety reasons.
- I have chased up the twinning signage with Cormac
- You will have seen that unauthorized repairs have recently been carried out on the Town Quay steps. Clearly I cannot authorise this and need your guidance. Members discussed this at some

length and agreed that a full breakdown of the work was needed before they could consider payment.

- Trigg Morris will be dancing on the quay on 9th July. Tywardreath Morris will be dancing on the quay on 6th August. The RNLI have a naming ceremony for their new Atlantic 85 Lifeboat on the quay on 25th July. The lifeboat will be moored alongside the quay.
- Bob Pasmore has kindly offered to plant up the Town Quay planters for summer 2026.

25/191 To Receive the Report from the Cornwall Councillor – Cllr I Wilson

Cllr Wilson gave the following report:

The public consultation regarding the new proposed Winter Parking Charges has concluded with an overwhelming majority of 85% opposing the move. It remains to be seen what the final decision of the Cornwall Council Cabinet will be, but based on the answer I received from my question in Full Council in January, the objections will not necessarily prevail.

A public safety concern has been raised regarding the lack of suitable guard rail along the lower edge of the Fowey Main Car Park. This was raised previously when an out-of-control bus traversed the Car Park boundary and crossed Saffron Close narrowly avoiding properties on the opposite side of the road. The issue was raised again last week, after another out of control vehicle did the exact same thing. I have taken this issue up with Senior Management at Cornwall Council and I am confident this matter is now being looked at with the greatest urgency.

I have received numerous complaints about the quality of pothole repairs around Fowey, in particular along Passage Street. I am aware of this, and it is part of a wider problem across Cornwall, which I am currently investigating.

25/192 OGS Garden

No update

25/193 Squires Field Car Park

Cllr Dellow had obtained an updated quote of £60K for the surfacing but this did not include lighting or drainage. Cllr Dellow agreed to circulate the specification and the Town Clerk would put Cllr Dellow in touch with APS Construction with a view to obtaining another quote for the work. A general discussion followed as members recognized that this would be a considerable outlay of funding without any return whatsoever unless some mechanism was introduced for making a small change. One suggestion was that some of the spaces could be utilised for additional permit parking for local people and businesses.

25/194 Town Quay

Cllr Gibbon reported on a successful meeting to discuss possible ways forward in relation to repairing the steps. The suggestion was that the granite facing stones should be removed to see what kind of structure was behind them. This structure could then be strengthened and the granite facing stones replaced. A scope of works would be required in order to obtain quotes to take the project forwards and Cllr Gibbon had obtained a quote of £1,760.00 for this. Following discussion Cllr Gibbon proposed, the Mayor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the quote should be accepted.

25/195 Main Car Park Toilets

The Town Clerk reported that completion had been authorized with the FTC solicitor and should have taken place on Monday 16th March. However, for some reason CC had not

complied with this and she was trying to ascertain the reason. Cllr Wilson agreed to follow up on this with CC as well.

25/196 Town of Culture

Cllr Fairweather gave the following report:

Here's a brief summary from the survey responses. So far, we've had 20 responses to the survey and 21 volunteers who would be interested in joining the delivery group have come forward.

Overview of the themes coming out of the survey: Community feedback on Fowey Town of Culture £3m spending priorities highlights strong support for environmental protection, cultural event growth, youth opportunities, and improved accessibility.

Top Priorities: Respondents prioritised green initiatives like edible gardens, estuary care, and protecting public green spaces (mentioned ~12 times). Growing the Regatta and Literary Festival to national scale was a close second (~10 mentions), alongside youth skills, apprenticeships, and arts programs (~8 mentions). Other key ideas include restoring historic buildings like the Town Hall, Museum and Place for community use, mobile event stages, and storytelling signage/trails (~5-6 mentions each).

Demographics: Most respondents live full-time in Fowey, with many working, running businesses, or volunteering locally (e.g., Regatta, Gig Club). Age groups skew 45-64 (~12 responses), followed by 25-44 (~5), 65+ (~4), and one 16-24; connections include part-time residents and Polruan neighbours.

Barriers to Events: Common issues include transport/parking (~6), hills/steps/accessibility (~5), cost (~4), and caring responsibilities or evening timings (~2). Disabled access, ferry times, and knowing what's on were also noted, emphasising needs for stairlifts, buses, quiet spaces, and better signage.

Volunteer Skills Offered: Strong offers in event management/coordination (~15), digital skills/comms/marketing (~12), and project management (~10). Others include budgeting, heritage expertise, arts/creatives, and environmental knowledge, aligning with bid pillars.

ASK: It would be great if we could encourage those present to complete the survey and add their ideas to the expression of interest. Survey closes on Sunday 22nd March, at which point I'll bring the insights gathered into the draft EOI. *Note: if shortlisted an urgent priority would be to schedule drop in sessions with the community to gather more input.*

LINKS:

Join the Fowey Culture Team

<https://forms.gle/b756ucoUghbu27Yf7>

What would you spend some of the prize money on? (short survey)

<https://forms.gle/wtGJXF2DmV4FHpb17>

InFowey Article

<https://www.coastalpath.co.uk/insidesmallbusiness/infowey-could-fowey-be-the-town-of-culture-2028>

25/197 Emergency Plan

Whilst some reservations were voiced about how some aspects of an Emergency Plan would actually work, members agreed that FTC should have one. The Town Clerk had circulated some copies of Plans produced by other parishes and it was agreed that the Tywardreath & Par Plan could usefully be used as a template and Cllrs could edit it to suit Fowey's needs. Cllr Longman agreed to lead on this.

25/198 FTC Energy Supply

The standing charges on some of FTC’s electricity supplies had increased significantly and most notably for the Feeder Pillar on Town Quay. Cllr Dellow considered that a possible way forward would be to amalgamate all the supplies and use a single supplier in order to get the best possible deal. Cllr Dellow agreed to investigate this further.

25/199 Town Quay Seating

Given the very poor state of the summer seating used on the quay members agreed that it must be renewed for summer 2026. Various options were considered but it was agreed that the current arrangement of benches was best suited for the area and this would mean a minimum of 7 new benches would be needed. The Town Clerk confirmed that the memorial benches that she had been obtaining from Glasdon cost iro £1,200.00 but that they were very smart and require little or no maintenance, In response to a question from Cllr Gibbon the Town Clerk confirmed that the cost could potentially be met from the TH/TQ Sinking Fund. Cllr Fairweather then proposed, Cllr Gibbon seconded and it was RESOLVED that 7 Stanford benches should be obtained from Glasdon to match in with the permanent seating on the quay. It was hoped that Cormac would complete the resurfacing before the seats were installed in May.

25/200 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the APM would be held on 15th April at 7pm in the Town Hall. The Town Clerk would organize refreshments and the Mayor and Cllr Fairweather would investigate a possible speaker to encourage parishioners to attend. The Town Clerk reminded the Mayor, Cllr Dellow, Cllr Gibbon and Cornwall Cllr Wilson that they would need to deliver their Annual Reports on the evening and that she would appreciate receiving them electronically for inclusion in the Fowey News.

25/201 Reports from Councillors – *at the discretion of the Mayor and including decisions on matters that the Mayor considers to be urgent*

None

Date of Next Meeting to be confirmed
Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 15th April 2026

Meeting Closed 9.02pm